

Rockdale Drug-Free Coalition
Health Survey for Youth ages 12-20
Parent/Guardian Opt-Out Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Rockdale Drug Free Coalition (DFC) would like for your child to participate in the Rockdale Community Health Survey. It is an anonymous survey instrument.

Participation in this process is vital to identify progress and deficiencies in the DFC's programs aimed at preventing and reducing alcohol and drug use among our youth. The data provides information regarding the "4 core measures" required for our grant and to identify the program's priority areas to bring awareness and education on harmful effects of alcohol and drugs.

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) gives you the right to opt your child out of participating in the survey. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the Rockdale Community Health Survey, please sign and return this form to the school counselor by **November 4, 2022**. A copy of the survey is attached for your review.

I would prefer that my child NOT participate in the Rockdale Community Health Survey.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Priority Area's for the Rockdale DFC Coalition

Education: The focus of the DFC's substance abuse education is teaching individuals about the effects of drug and alcohol abuse. This effective and, most cost efficient, program provides education on alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs and bring awareness to the harm they could cause to our families, youth and community. Understanding that knowledge is power and with accurate information, young people will more likely make better choices.

Advocacy: The DFC is a major advocate for a drug-free community and school system. This is achieved with continuous awareness activities aimed at providing support and promote for a safe, healthy, drug-free community.

Enforcement: The DFC partners with our local and state law enforcement to support education programs for local businesses. The program provides alcohol risk management strategies for store and restaurant owners and staff to increase their knowledge about alcohol ordinances, behavioral cues, and fake ID recognition. We encourage 100% ID check to ensure minors are not purchasing alcohol.

Awareness: Imagine how fast our community could create change to this situation if all of us took one step together. The DFC is working to raise awareness about alcohol and drugs for stronger protection for our children.

Collaboration: This is the secret to our success. The DFC collaborates with local and state agencies as well as those in surrounding counties who have a common goal of building a safe, healthy and drug free community.